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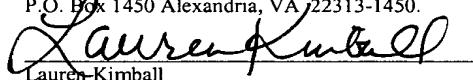
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Title: A FIBRE CHANNEL SWITCH THAT  
ENABLES END DEVICES IN DIFFERENT  
FABRICS TO COMMUNICATE WITH ONE  
ANOTHER WHILE RETAINING THEIR  
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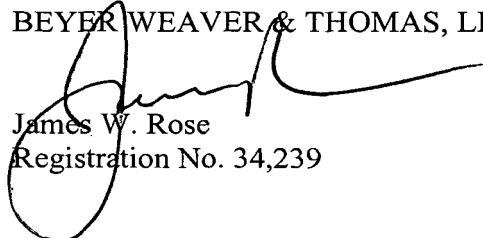
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